

## New business profile

### Petit Peony dresses up Duxbury

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When Duxbury resident Kate Bowen dreamed up the concept of Petit Peony two years ago, it started as a passion for her children, a love for sewing and a dream of doing something uniquely her own.

First opening as an Etsy store online, Bowen's designs took immediate notice from boutique children's shops throughout New England. In two short years, Petit Peony blossomed with its first store and headquarters here in Duxbury.

Before relocating to Duxbury, Bowen and her family lived in Vermont. Having spent 10 years prior living and working in Boston, she took time in Vermont to be home with her children. While expecting her third child, Bowen took to sewing new clothes for her two daughters, Scarlett, 3, and Kendal, 5. From there, her passion grew, leading to an online store where orders took off. A firm believer in quality service, Bowen fulfilled all of her orders just two days after coming home from the hospital with her son, Jack. "I'm the type of person who always gives 110 percent," "I believe in not only having a great product, but a product that is backed by great service."

After her early success, Bowen decided she wanted more. She packed up her family and went on what she lovingly refers to as a "New England Roadshow." Making stops at numerous children's boutiques throughout the region, Bowen successfully secured orders in every store she visited.

With a job change for her husband, Bowen and her family decided to move to Duxbury. "Duxbury really related to my designs with its New England tradition and nautical feel," she said. "It just seemed like the perfect fit."

Currently, Petit Peony offers high-end, classic girls clothing. A boys and women's line is expected in spring 2017. It is located in the rear of the Sweetser's building in Snug Harbor. Bowen hopes to one day open small Petit Peony boutiques throughout the country. For now, she's enjoying her booming new business while still having time for her family in a new community.

"I'm a big-picture person – a dreamer – and I've always dreamed of doing my own thing," said Bowen. "That being said, family is so important, and I'm excited to have found something I love that gives me the flexibility to spend quality time with my kids. They are my inspiration in life and I couldn't do this without them."



**Kate Bowen with daughters Scarlett 3, (left) and Kendal, 5, who inspired her children's clothing line.**

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